

Examiner further states that a reply to the election of species requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected constant with a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

Response:

A. Applicants provisionally elect specie S. Wherein the shear ring is a plurality of pieces welded together.

Applicants make the election with traverse. One piece shear rings and multiple piece shear rings are known in the art as equivalents. Thus a search for one species will suffice for the other.

B. Claims which read on provisionally elected specie S. include:

Claim 1 - Generic linking claim to a "shear ring" (Note: MPEP 808 "The linking claims must be examined with the invention elected...").

Claim 2 - reciting "said shear ring comprises a plurality of pieces welded together".

Claim 3 - reciting "said shear ring comprises three pieces welded together".

Claim 4 - Generic claim to "said shear ring".

Claim 5 - Generic claim to "said shear ring".

Claim 6 - Generic claim to "said shear ring".

Claims 10 through 14 - Generic claims depending from Generic Claim 4 reciting "said shear ring".